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# U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01448-JEB

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF

JUSTICE

Assigned to: Judge James E. Boasberg Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act Date Filed: 06/19/2018 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

**Information Act** 

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

## **Plaintiff**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/19/2018	1	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090–5542449) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Summons for U.S. Attorney, # 3 Summons for Attorney General, # 4 Summons for U.S. Department of Justice)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 06/19/2018)
06/19/2018	2	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 06/19/2018)
06/19/2018	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by James F. Peterson on behalf of JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 06/19/2018)
06/20/2018		Case Assigned to Judge James E. Boasberg. (zsb) (Entered: 06/20/2018)

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06/20/2018	4	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # 1 Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 06/20/2018)
07/03/2018	<u>5</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/25/2018. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/25/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 7/2/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 6/25/2018 (Orfanedes, Paul) Modified on 7/5/2018 (ztd). (Entered: 07/03/2018)
07/05/2018		NOTICE OF ERROR re 5 Summons Returned Executed in FOIA as to U.S. Attorney; emailed to porfanedes@judicialwatch.org, cc'd 2 associated attorneys — The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Incorrect header/caption/case number, 2. Please with correct case number Modified on 7/12/2018 (ztd). (Entered: 07/05/2018)
07/25/2018	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Layton, Elisabeth) (Entered: 07/25/2018)
07/26/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit a joint proposed briefing schedule by August 9, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 7/26/2018. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 07/26/2018)
07/26/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 8/9/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 07/26/2018)
08/09/2018	7	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>And Proposed Schedule</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Layton, Elisabeth) (Entered: 08/09/2018)
08/10/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the parties shall submit a further joint status report by October 17, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 8/10/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 08/10/2018)
08/10/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/17/2018 (lsj) (Entered: 08/10/2018)
10/17/2018	8	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>And Proposed Schedule</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Layton, Elisabeth) (Entered: 10/17/2018)
10/18/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report and Proposed Schedule and ORDERS that: 1) Plaintiff shall inform Defendant what aspects of the withholdings and the search for responsive records it intends to challenge by January 31, 2019; 2) Defendant shall file its Motion for Summary Judgment and any Vaughn index or declaration by February 13, 2019; 3) Plaintiff shall its Cross—Motion for Summary Judgment and Opposition to Defendant's Motion by March 13, 2019; 4) Defendant shall file its Reply in support of its Motion and Opposition to Plaintiff's Cross—Motion by April 12, 2019; and 5) Plaintiff shall file its Reply in support of its Cross—Motion by April 26, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 10/18/2018. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 10/18/2018)
10/18/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Vaughn Index due by 2/13/2019. Plaintiff shall inform Defendant what aspects of the withholdings and the search for responsive records it intends to challenge due by 1/31/2019. Summary Judgment motions due by 2/13/2019. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 3/13/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 4/12/2019. Replies due by 4/26/2019. (nbn) (Entered: 10/19/2018)
02/08/2019	9	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Motion For Summary Judgment</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Layton, Elisabeth) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER GRANTING Defendant's <u>9</u> Motion for Extension of Time. The Court ORDERS that: 1) Defendant shall file its Motion for Summary Judgment and any <u>Vaughn</u> index or declaration by March 20, 2019; 2) Plaintiff shall its Cross–Motion for Summary Judgment and Opposition to Defendant's Motion by April 17, 2019; 3) Defendant shall file its Reply in support of its Motion and Opposition to

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		Plaintiff's Cross–Motion by May 17, 2019; and 4) Plaintiff shall file its Reply in support of its Cross–Motion by May 31, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 2/11/2019. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 02/11/2019)
02/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Vaughn Index due by 3/20/2019. Summary Judgment motions due by 3/20/2019. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 4/17/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 5/17/2019. Replies due by 5/31/2019. Cross Motions due by 4/17/2019. Response to Cross Motions due by 5/17/2019. Reply to Cross Motions due by 5/31/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 02/11/2019)
03/20/2019	<u>10</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Amend/Correct Set/Reset Deadlines, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Layton, Elisabeth) (Entered: 03/20/2019)
03/21/2019		MINUTE ORDER GRANTING Defendant's 10 Motion. The Court ORDERS that: 1) Defendant shall file its Motion for Summary Judgment and any Vaughn index or declaration by May 6, 2019; 2) Plaintiff shall its Cross–Motion for Summary Judgment and Opposition to Defendant's Motion by June 17, 2019; 3) Defendant shall file its Reply in support of its Motion and Opposition to Plaintiff's Cross–Motion by July 17, 2019; and 4) Plaintiff shall file its Reply in support of its Cross–Motion by July 31, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 3/21/2019. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 03/21/2019)
03/21/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Vaughn Index due by 5/6/2019. Summary Judgment motions due by 5/6/2019. Cross Motions due by 6/17/2019. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 6/17/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 7/17/2019. Response to Cross Motions due by 7/17/2019. Reply to Cross Motions due by 7/31/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 03/21/2019)